

EXHIBIT 3

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Node Specialization Architecture in
the Dynamic Routing Network**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 19, 2010, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-25. (canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for providing dynamic content over a network, the method~~ comprising:

receiving, using a processing device, an update message ~~from an input source, the update message~~ identifying a live object and containing data for updating a property of the live object;

~~identifying, using the processing device, a category of the update message;~~

identifying, using the processing device, a mapping of ~~[[the]]~~ a category of the update message to a node type; and

routing, using the processing device, the update message to a node having the ~~mapped node type, [[; and]]~~

causing the node, through the update message, to determine ~~determining, using the processing device,~~ a client that has registered for updates of the live object and ~~routing~~ causing the node to route the data from the node to the client, and

~~wherein~~ causing the client is adapted to process the update the data and to update the property of the live object.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, ~~wherein further comprising causing the node determining a client comprises extracting to extract an object ID from the update message and determining to establish a connection to the client to determine the client that has registered for updates of the live object.~~

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, ~~wherein determining a connection comprises determining~~ further comprising causing the node to determine at

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least one client proxy with which the client communicates, ~~[[and]]~~ routing to route the data to the client proxy, and ~~then routing to route~~ to route the data from the client proxy to the client to determine the connection.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, ~~wherein~~ further comprising causing the node to maintain client registration information concerning the client connection, ~~is maintained at the node~~.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising causing the node to maintain ~~wherein~~ client registration information concerning the client connection ~~is maintained~~ at the client proxy.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein:

the routing the update message comprises routing the update message to a proxy node comprising a second node ~~that is adapted to receive~~ receiving messages of more than one message category, ~~[[;]]~~ and

further comprising causing the node ~~determining a connection comprises determining to determine~~ at least one corresponding node having a corresponding node type ~~that is~~ mapped to the message category, with which the registered client communicates, and routing to route the data to the corresponding node to determine the connection.

33. (Currently Amended) A routing network ~~for enabling dynamic updating of a property of a live object at a client coupled to the network, the routing network comprising:~~

a gateway device that receives configured to:

~~receive, using a processing device, an update message from an input source, the update message identifying a live object and containing data for updating a property of the live object, wherein the gateway identifies a category of the update message, identifies~~

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identify a mapping of ~~[[the]]~~ a category of the update message to a node type, and ~~routes~~

route the update message; ~~and in accordance with the identified mapping;~~
and

~~routing means for determining a node device configured to:~~

receive the update message from the gateway device, wherein the node device is configured to be mapped to the node type,

determine, ~~using the processing device,~~ a client that has registered for updates of the live object, and ~~routing~~

route the data from ~~[[a]]~~ the node device that has received the routed update message to the registered client, wherein the registered client is adapted to process the data and to update the property of the live object.

34. (Currently Amended) The routing network of claim 33, wherein the ~~routing means~~ node device is configured to extract ~~extracts~~ an object ID from the update message and to determine ~~determines~~ a connection to the registered client ~~for routing to~~ route the data to the registered client.

35. (Currently Amended) The routing network of claim 34, wherein the ~~routing means~~ node device is configured to determine ~~determines~~ a connection by determining at least one client proxy with which the registered client communicates~~[[,]]~~ and ~~then routing to~~ route the data to the client proxy.

36. (Currently Amended) The routing network of claim 35, wherein client registration information concerning the client connection is configured to be maintained at the node device.

37. (Currently Amended) The routing network of claim 35, wherein client registration information concerning the client connection is configured to be maintained at the client proxy.

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38. (Currently Amended) The routing network of claim 33, wherein:

the gateway device is configured to route the update message by routing the update message to a proxy node comprising a second node ~~that is~~ adapted to receive messages of more than one message category, ~~[[;]]~~ and

~~the routing means~~ the node device is configured to determine ~~determines~~ at least one corresponding node that has a corresponding node type mapped to the message category and with which the registered client communicates~~[[,]]~~ and ~~then routing to route~~ the data to the corresponding node.

39. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer method for providing dynamic content over a network, the method~~ comprising:

providing, using a processing device, a data representation to a client device coupled to ~~[[the]]~~ a network, wherein the data representation includes at least one live object ~~that is~~ recognized by the client device, and ~~wherein~~ causing the client device ~~responds to respond~~ to the live object of the data representation by determining an object ID of the live object and to register for updates of the live object with a routing network, such that registering the client device with the ~~routing~~ network provides client connection information to the routing network; ~~[[and]]~~

sending, using the processing device, an update message to the ~~routing~~ network, wherein the update message identifies the live object and contains update data that updates a property of the live object, such that a gateway device at the ~~routing~~ network ~~has sufficient information is configured~~ to identify the client device as a registered device and to send a routed message containing the update data from the gateway device to a node;

causing the node to send the routed message to the client device; ~~such that and~~

causing the client device processes to process the routed message upon receipt to update the property of the live object at the client device.

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein providing the data representation to the client device includes providing a ~~[[the]]~~ live object ~~of the data representation that~~ causes the client device to register with a client proxy of the network.

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41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein providing the data representation to the client device includes providing a [[the]] live object of the data representation that causes the client device to register with a node of the network.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein providing the data representation to the client device including providing the received data representation includes an activation module that is executed by the client device and is adapted to register that registers the live object with the ~~routing~~ network.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein providing the activation module includes providing an activation module that is configured to determine determines a node type that handles registration and that causes the client device to register with a node ~~of the determined registration~~ corresponding to the node type.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein providing the activation module determines includes providing an activation module that is configured to determine a message category of the data representation and that causes the client device to register with a node having a node type corresponding to the message category.

45. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~for providing dynamic content over a network, the apparatus~~ comprising:

a content provider device configured to provide that provides, using a processing device, a data representation to a client device coupled to the network, wherein the data representation includes at least one live object that is recognized by the client device, and that causes wherein the client device to determine responds to the live object of the data representation by determining an object ID of the live object to register for updates of the live object with ~~a routing~~ the network, such that registering the client device with the ~~routing~~ network provides client connection information to the ~~routing~~ network; and

an information provider device that sends, using the processing device, configured to send an update message to the ~~routing~~ network, wherein the update

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message identifies the live object and contains update data ~~that updates~~ for updating a property of the live object, such that a gateway device at the routing network has sufficient information is configured to identify the client device as a registered device and to send a routed message from the gateway device to a node,

wherein the node is configured to send the routed message containing the update data to the client device, ~~such that~~ and

wherein the client device is configured to process ~~processes~~ the routed message upon receipt to update the property of the live object at the client device.

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the live object of the data representation is configured to cause ~~causes~~ the client device to register with a client proxy of the network.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the live object of the data representation is configured to cause ~~causes~~ the client device to register with a node of the network.

48. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the received data representation includes an activation module that is configured to be executed by the client device and ~~[[is]]~~ adapted to register the live object with the routing network.

49. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the activation module is configured to determine ~~determines~~ a node type ~~that handles~~ for handling registration and to cause ~~causes~~ the client device to register with a node of the ~~determined~~ registration node type.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the activation module determines a message category of the data representation and causes the client device to register with a node having a node type corresponding to the message category.

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51. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ An article of manufacture including a tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for providing dynamic content over a network stored thereon, an execution of which by a computing device causes the computing device to perform operations that, if executed by a computing device, cause the computing device to perform a method comprising:

providing, using a processing device, a data representation to a client device coupled to ~~[[the]]~~ a network, wherein the data representation includes at least one live object that is recognized by the client device, and ~~wherein that causes the client device responds to respond~~ wherein that causes the client device to the live object of the data representation by determining an object ID of the live object to register for updates of the live object with a routing the network, such that registering the client device with the routing network provides client connection information to the routing network; and

sending, using the processing device, an update message to the routing network, wherein the update message identifies the live object and contains update data ~~that updates for updating~~ that a property of the live object, such that a gateway device at the routing network has sufficient information is configured to identify the client device as a registered device and to send a routed message containing the update data from the gateway device to a node, wherein the node sends the routed message to the client device, and such that wherein the client device processes is configured to process the routed message upon receipt to update the property of the live object at the client device.

52. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer-readable medium~~ article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the live object of the data representation causes the client device to register with a client proxy of the network.

53. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer-readable medium~~ article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the live object of the data representation causes the client device to register with a node of the network.

54. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer-readable medium~~ article of manufacture of claim 51, wherein the received data representation includes an activation module ~~that is~~

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executed by the client device and ~~[[is]]~~ adapted to register the live object with the ~~routing~~ network.

55. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable-medium~~ article of manufacture of claim 54, wherein the activation module determines a node type that handles registration and causes the client device to register with a node of the ~~determined-registration~~ node type.

56. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer-readable-medium~~ article of manufacture of claim 54, wherein the activation module determines a message category of the data representation and causes the client device to register with a node having a node type corresponding to the message category.

57. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for providing dynamic content over a network,~~
~~the device~~ comprising:

logic configured to provide, ~~using a processing device,~~ a data representation to a client device coupled to the network, wherein the data representation includes at least one live object ~~that is~~ recognized by the client device, and wherein the client device responds is configured to respond to the live object of the data representation by determining an object ID of the live object to register for updates of the live object with a ~~routing~~ network, such that registering the client device with the ~~routing~~ network provides client connection information to the ~~routing~~ network; and

logic configured to provide, using ~~[[the]]~~ a processing device, an update message to the ~~routing~~ network, wherein the update message identifies the live object and contains update data ~~that updates~~ for updating a property of the live object, such that a gateway device at the routing network has sufficient information is configured to identify the client device as a registered device and to send a routed message from the gateway device to a node, wherein the node is configured to send the routed message containing the update data to the client device, ~~such that~~ and wherein the client device ~~processes is~~ configured to process the routed message upon receipt to update the property of the live object at the client device.

58. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 57, wherein the live object of the data representation causes the client device to register with a client proxy of the network.

59. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 57, wherein the live object of the data representation causes the client device to register with a node of the network.

60. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 57, wherein the ~~received~~ data representation includes an activation module that is executed by the client device and that is adapted to register the live object with the ~~routing~~ network.

61. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 60, wherein the activation module determines a node type ~~that handles~~ for handling registration and causes the client device to register with a node of the ~~determined registration~~ node type.

62. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 60, wherein the activation module determines a message category of the data representation and causes the client device to register with a node having a node type corresponding to the message category.

63. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
providing, ~~using a processing device~~, a live object to a client device;
sending, ~~using the processing device~~, an update message to a ~~routing~~ network, ~~the update message~~ identifying the live object and containing update data to update the live object at the client device; and
in response to determining that ~~[[if]]~~ the client device is registered to receive update data for the ~~identified~~ live object, sending a routed message containing the update data, ~~using the processing device~~, from a gateway device at the routing network to a node, wherein the node sends the routed message to the client device. ~~a routed message containing the update data to the client device.~~

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64. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~that provides dynamic content, the apparatus comprising:~~

a content provider arranged to provide a live object to a client device; and

an information provider arranged to provide an update message to a ~~routing network, the update message identifying the live object and containing update data to~~ update for updating the live object,

wherein the ~~routing network is arranged to send~~ is configured to send a routed message containing the update data from a gateway device at the network to a node, and wherein the node is configured to send the routed message to the client device if the client device is registered to receive the update data for the ~~identified~~ live object.

65. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable storage medium having ~~stored thereon computer-executable instructions for providing dynamic content over a network~~ stored thereon, that if executed by a computing device, cause the computing device to perform a method the instructions comprising:

instructions to provide ~~providing~~, using a processing device, a live object to a client device;

instructions to send ~~sending~~, using the processing device, an update message to a ~~routing network, the update message identifying the live object and containing update data to~~ update for updating the live object; and

~~if the client device is registered to receive update data for the identified live object, sending~~ instructions to cause, using the processing device and in response to determining that the client device is registered to receive update data for the live object, from the routing network a routed message to be sent from a gateway device at the network to a node, wherein the node is configured to send the routed message containing the update data to the client device.

66. (Currently Amended) A device ~~for providing dynamic content, the device comprising:~~

logic configured to provide a live object to a client device;

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logic configured to provide an update message to a routing network, ~~the update message~~ identifying the live object and containing update data ~~to update~~ for updating the live object at the client device; and

logic configured to send a routed message containing the update data from a gateway device at the network to a node, wherein the node is configured to send the routed message to the client device in response to determining that ~~[[if]]~~ the client device is registered to receive the update data for the ~~identified~~ live object.

67. (New) The routing network of claim 33, wherein the node type is configured to identify the node that receives the update message from the gateway device.

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 26 and 28-67 are pending in the application, with claims 26, 33, 39, 45, 51, 57, and 63-66 being the independent claims. Claim 27 is sought to be cancelled, and claims 1-25 were previously cancelled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 26, 28, 29-49, 51-57, 60, 61, and 63-66 are sought to be amended. New claim 67 is sought to be added. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to any cancelled and amended claims, in the future. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on March 5, 2010, with Applicants' representatives Jason Eisenberg and William Ladd. In the interview, Applicants' representatives discussed why the claims distinguished over the applied references. No final agreement was reached.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 57-62, 64, and 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, claims 57, 64, and 66 have been clarified and recite statutory subject matter. For example, claims 57, 64, and 66 recite, *inter alia*, a "client device," and claim 57 recites, *inter alia*, a "processing device."

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of claims 57, 64, and 66 and pass these claims to allowance. Additionally, claims 58-62 depend from claim 57, so the revisions and comments directed to claim 57 apply equally to claims 58-62.

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Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 26-28, 33-34, 39, 42-45, 48-51, 54-57, and 60-66 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,324,587 to Trenbeath *et al.* (“Trenbeath”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 26

The applied references do not support a 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claim 26. For example, claim 26 recites, *inter alia*, “identifying, using the processing device, a ***mapping of a category of the update message to a node type***; and ***routing, using the processing device, the update message to a node having the node type***” (emphasis added).

At page 5 of the Office Action the Examiner states, to which Applicants do not acquiesce, that Trenbeath teaches “identifying, using the processing device, a mapping of the category to a node type” because “blocks 402, 406, and 410 [of FIG. 14 are] associated with blocks 404, 408, and 412 respectively.” Applicants respectfully disagree.

In Trenbeath, “FIG. 14 . . . illustrate[s] the high-level steps taken by a subscription client in processing messages received from a publication client and high level events . . . [i]f an update message is detected at step 406, the subscription client will process the update message at step 408.” (Trenbeath, col. 25, lines 16-36 and FIG. 14.)

However, Trenbeath does not disclose at least that the “subscription message” in Trenbeath is ***routed to*** the “high-level steps” in Trenbeath, as recited in claim 26. Rather, in Trenbeath, “an update message is sent to each subscription client.” (Trenbeath, col. 25, lines 6 and 7.)

Also, the “client” in Trenbeath (“publication client” or “subscription client”) does not disclose the “node type,” as recited by claim 26, because, for example, Trenbeath does not teach at least a ***mapping of a category of the update message to*** a type of “client.”

Thus, Trenbeath does not disclose at least “identifying, using the processing device, a mapping of a category of the update message to a node type; and routing, using

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the processing device, the update message to a node having the node type,” as recited by claim 26 (emphasis added). Rather, Trenbeath merely describes “message[s] detected” and “high-level steps” taken. (Trenbeath, col. 25, lines 16-36 and FIG. 14.)

Thus, for at least this reason, Trenbeath does not support a 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claim 26.

Claims 33, 39, 45, 51, 57, and 63-66

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, claims 33, 39, 45, 51, 57, and 63-66 have been clarified to state features not disclosed by the applied references. For example, claim 33 recites, *inter alia*, “a gateway device configured to . . . route the update message . . . a node device configured to . . . *receive* the update message *from the gateway device* . . . and route the data *from the node device to the client*,” claims 39, 45, 51, and 57 recite, *inter alia*, “send a routed message containing the update data *from the gateway device to a node . . . the node . . . send[s] the routed message . . . to the client device*,” claim 65 recites, *inter alia*, “instructions to cause . . . *a routed message to be sent from a gateway device at the network to a node, wherein the node is configured to send the routed message containing the update data to the client device*,” and claims 63, 64, and 66 recite, *inter alia*, “send[ing] a routed message . . . *from a gateway device at the network to a node, wherein the node . . . send[s] the routed message to the client device*” (emphasis added).

In Trenbeath, “the publication client would be software running on a personal computer operated by the grandparents and each family would operate subscription client software on computers in their home . . . [a] subscription client would submit, through email, the modified family information file to the publication client which would replace the previous copy of the file . . . [n]ext, the publication client would distribute the modified family information file to each of the subscription clients, again over email.” (Trenbeath, col. 3, lines 13-25.)

Trenbeath states that “. . . the subscription client creates a subscription folder and sends a request message to the publication client in order to receive all the data objects for the subscription folder . . . [t]hese data objects are sent using update messages that contain the data objects as attachments . . . [a]t this point, the subscription folder is

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current with the publication folder and will receive update messages as the state of the folder changes.” (Trenbeath, col. 3, lines 39-46.)

Thus, Trenbeath does not disclose at least “a gateway device configured to . . . route the update message . . . a node device configured to . . . *receive* the update message *from the gateway device* . . . and route the data *from the node device to the client*,” as recited by claim 33, at least “send a routed message containing the update data *from the gateway device to a node . . . the node . . . send[s] the routed message . . . to the client device*,” as recited by claims 39, 45, 51, and 57, “instructions to cause . . . *a routed message to be sent from a gateway device at the network to a node, wherein the node is configured to send the routed message containing the update data to the client device*,” as recited by claim 65, or at least “send[ing] a routed message . . . *from a gateway device at the network to a node, wherein the node . . . send[s] the routed message to the client device*,” as recited by claims 63, 64, and 66. Rather, in Trenbeath, “the subscription client . . . receive[s] all the data objects” from “the publication client.” (Trenbeath, col. 3, lines 39-46.)

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 26, 33, 39, 45, 51, 57, and 63-66 and pass these claims to allowance. Additionally, at least based on their respective dependencies to claims 26, 33, 39, 45, 51, and 57, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 28, 34, 42-44, 48-50, 54-56, 60-62, as well as for their additional distinguishing features.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, Applicants have cancelled claim 27, rendering the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claim 27 moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 29-32 and 35-38

At page 14 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 29-32 and 35-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Trenbeath in view of U.S. Patent Number 7,209,959 to Campbell *et al.* (“Campbell”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

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Claims 29-32 and 35-38 depend from claims 26 and 33, respectively. At page 15 of the Office Action the Examiner states that Campbell teaches “determining a connection comprises determining at least one client proxy with which the client communicates and routing the data to the client proxy, and then routing the data from the client proxy to the client.” However, the Examiner does not use Campbell to teach at least the above noted distinguishing features of claims 26 and 33. Therefore, the applied references cannot be used to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness for claims 26 and 33.

Accordingly, at least based on their respective dependencies to claims 26 and 33, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 29-32 and 35-38, as well as for their additional distinguishing features.

Claims 40, 41, 46, 47, 52, 53, 58, and 59

At page 17 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 40-41, 46-47, 52-53, and 58-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Trenbeath in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,314,459 to Freeman (“Freeman”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 40, 41, 46, 47, 52, 53, 58, and 59 depend from claims 39, 45, 51, and 57, respectively. At page 18 of the Office Action the Examiner states, to which Applicants do not acquiesce, that Freeman teaches “wherein the live object of the data representation causes the client device to register with a client proxy of the network.” However, the Examiner does not use Freeman to teach, nor does Freeman teach, at least the above noted distinguishing features of claims 39, 45, 51, and 57. Thus, Freeman cannot be used to cure the deficiencies of Trenbeath. Therefore, the applied references cannot be used to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness for claims 39, 45, 51, and 57.

Accordingly, at least based on their respective dependencies to claims 39, 45, 51, and 57, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 40, 41, 46, 47, 52, 53, 58, and 59, as well as for their additional distinguishing features.

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New Claim 67

New claim 67 depends from claim 33 and includes all features therein. Thus, at least based on its dependency to claim 33, Applicants respectfully request allowance of new claim 67, as well as for its additional distinguishing features.

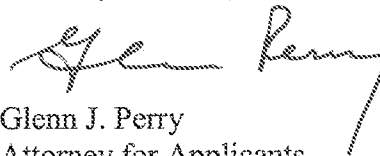
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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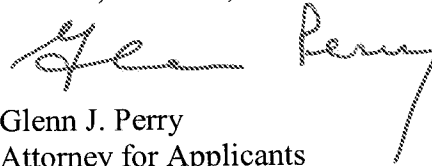
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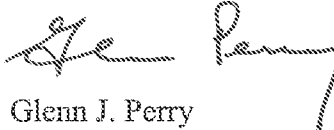
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